



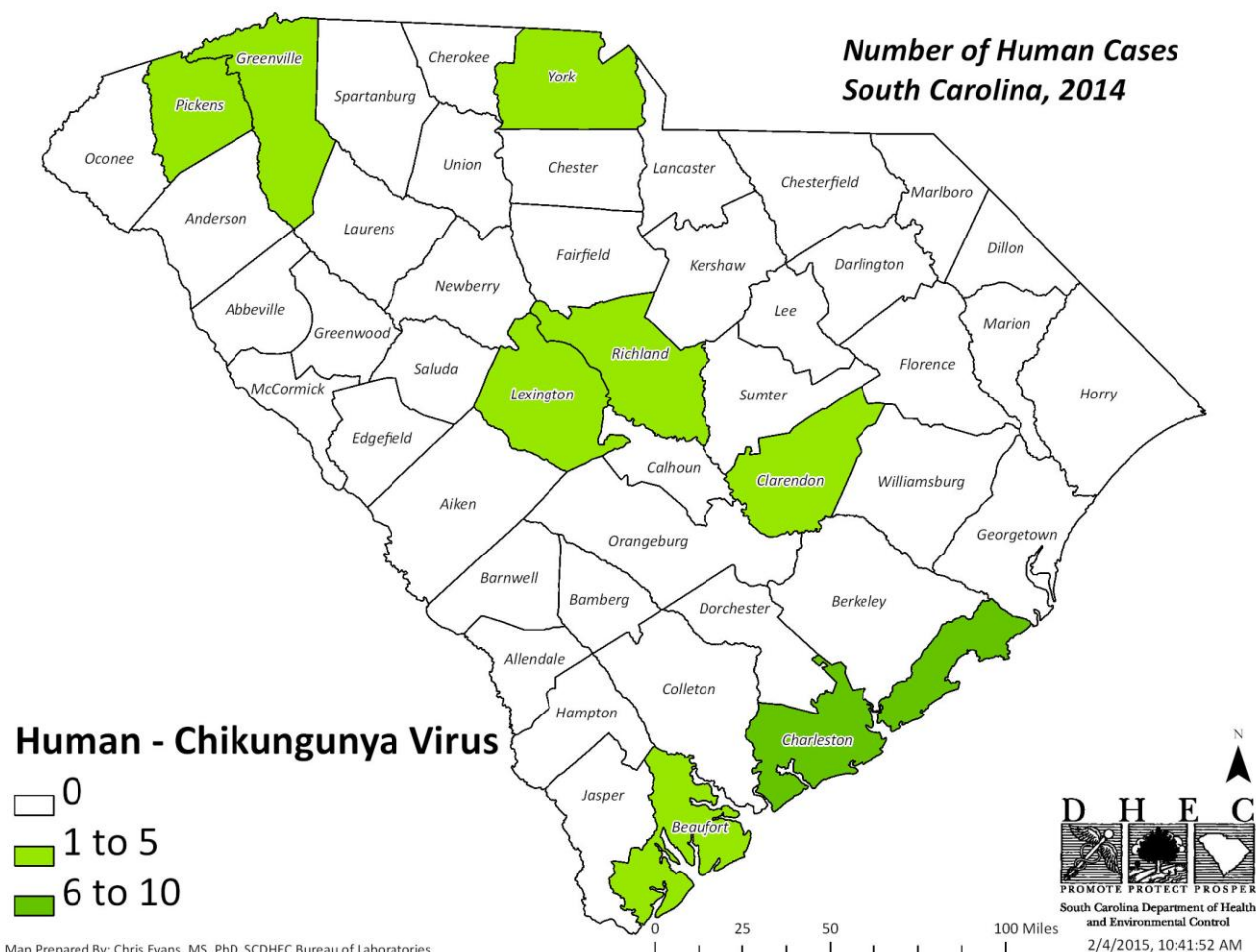
SC DHEC Bureau of Laboratories 2014 Chikungunya Virus Cases

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Chikungunya virus infection can cause a debilitating illness, most often characterized by fever, headache, fatigue, nausea, vomiting, muscle pain, rash, and joint pain.

Acute chikungunya fever typically lasts a few days to a few weeks. Some patients have prolonged fatigue lasting several weeks. Additionally, some patients have reported debilitating joint pain or arthritis that might last for weeks or months. No specific treatment exists for chikungunya fever; care is based on symptoms. Chikungunya fever is not usually fatal.

The geographic range of chikungunya virus is primarily in Africa and Asia and most recently in limited areas of Europe. For information on current outbreaks, consult CDC's Travelers' Health website (<http://www.cdc.gov/travel>). Given the current large chikungunya virus epidemics and the world wide distribution of *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* mosquitoes, there is a risk of importation of chikungunya virus into new areas by infected travelers.



*All chikungunya human cases reported here occurred in travelers to countries/territories outside of the 50 states.